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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 19, 22, 24, and 25 have been amended. No new matter has been added by the amendments to the claims.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 - 27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0082010 to Koorapaty et al. ("Koorapaty") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,181,932 to Kolev et al. ("Kolev").

An obviousness rejection requires that the relied upon prior art teach or suggest all of the elements of a claim (M.P.E.P. §2142). It is respectfully asserted that Koorapaty and Kolev, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest at least some of the features of Applicants' independent claims 1, 11, 19, 22, and 25, as amended, and therefore cannot make these claims obvious.

For example, Applicants assert that neither Koorapaty nor Kolev teach or suggest at least identifying a plurality of channels useable for transmissions in an area; and scanning said plurality of channels "according to a scanning order associated with said area", as is required by Applicants' amended independent claims 1, 11, 19, 22, and 25. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner withdraw his rejection of the independent claims.

Claims 2-10, 12-18, 20 and 21, 23 and 24, and 26 and 27 depend from amended independent claims 1, 11, 19, 22, and 25, respectively, and include all of elements of these claims as well as further distinguishing features. It is therefore respectfully asserted that neither Koorapaty nor Kolev, alone or in combination, teach or suggest all of the elements of

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Applicants' claims 2-10, 12-18, 20 and 21, 23 and 24, and 26 and 27, and that the rejections of these claims should be withdrawn.

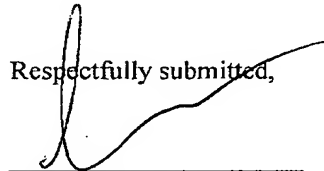
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims distinguish over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and passage to issue are therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to discuss any further issues yet to be resolved in connection with this application.

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